

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA**

Dahlonega City Hall  
465 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia  
November 16, 2006  
6:00 P.M.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch

**II. INVOCATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 19, 2006 Appeal Hearing 8:30 a.m.
- October 19, 2006 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- November 8, 2006 Special Called Meeting 3:00 p.m.

**V. REPORTS**

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
- Elected Officials

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2006-64 Amend 2006 Budget
- 2006-65 Joint Development Authority Appointments (Dawson, Lumpkin and White Counties)
- 2006-66 Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board Appointment
- 2006-67 GEBCorp 401(a) Plan Amendment – Increasing County contribution from 2% to 4% effective January 1, 2007.
- 2006-68 Recreational Trails Program – Funding opportunity requiring a match of not less than 20% of the amount awarded.
- 2006-69 Substance Abuse Policy Addendum – Return to Duty (Second Chance Policy)

**VII. CONTRACTS**

- GovDeals – Providing a means for seller to list items for sale and for potential buyers to bid upon these items via an Internet-based auction system.
- ActiveNet – Contract for recreation management software.
- ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Employees of Lumpkin County – Adoption Agreement
- ACCG 401(a) Directed Employee Benefit Trust Agreement – Adoption Agreement

**VIII. OTHER ITEMS**

- Lumpkin County Hospital Authority – October 2006 Cases for Review/Approval.
- Request for Authorization to Invest Funds.
- Meeting time, date and location for 2007 Board of Commissioners Meetings and Work Sessions.

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**IX. COMMENTS**

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONERS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Future Meetings:

Appeal Hearings – City Hall  
Work Session – City Hall  
Public Hearing – City Hall (Barrett Circle)  
Board Meeting – City Hall

Dec. 05, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.  
Dec. 07, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.  
Dec. 21, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.  
Dec. 21, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Chairman Gooch



# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 2006

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin were present.

## INVOCATION

District Commissioner Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include discussion of a proposed letter to the Department of Natural Resources regarding Part V Criteria, and to include discussion of the storage location for the County's voting machines.

*Motion: Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve the amended agenda, which was seconded by District Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted in favor. Motion carried.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2006 Appeal Hearing 8:30 a.m.

October 19, 2006 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

November 8, 2006 Special Called Meeting 3:00 p.m.

*Motion: John Raber moved to accept the three sets of minutes as written. District Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion. District Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin voted in favor. Motion carried.*

## REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office  
Elected Officials: There were no reports from Elected Officials.

## PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Roger Yonts of Timken, Dahlonga on behalf of The Timken Foundation of Canton, Ohio presented the County Commissioners with a \$40,000.00 check in matching funds for the Yahoola Creek Reservoir Park Pavilion.

## RESOLUTIONS

2006-64 Amend 2006 Budget

Chairman Gooch explained that this resolution was needed to reflect adjustments to the budget. The budget now includes the Sheriff's Department grant. One additional change will be made to the document as presented.

*Motion: John Raber moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners approved and the motion carried.*

2006-65 Joint Development Authority Appointments (Dawson, Lumpkin and White Counties)

Chairman Gooch pointed out that this resolution restates the appointment of J. B. Jones to Seat 1 and Mike Cottrell to Seat 3. It appoints Charles Trammell to Seat 2 and Larry Reiter to Seat 4. Chairman Gooch said these appointments would complete the required appointments from Lumpkin County.



*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve these appointments, which was seconded by Marvin Martin. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

2006-66 Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board Appointment

This resolution reappoints to the Lumpkin County Park and Recreation Board Monica Hunt, Seat No. 9 for a term ending 12/31/2011.

*Motion:* John Raber made a motion to reappoint Monica Hunt to Seat No. 9 of the Park and Recreation Board for a term ending 12/31/2011. Marvin Martin seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin approved it. Motion carried.

2006-67 GEBCorp 401(a) Plan Amendment – Increasing County contribution from 2% to 4% effective January 1, 2007

Chairman Gooch commented that this amendment amends, restates and replaces the County's current plan to reflect the increased County contribution.

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve the resolution. This was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2006-68 Recreational Trails Program – Funding opportunity requiring a match of not less than 20% of the amount awarded

The resolution will be corrected to read "2006-68". Chairman Gooch explained that Lumpkin County would submit a project application for funding for this program in the amount of \$100,000.00.

*Motion:* John Raber moved to accept the resolution and this was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted approval. Motion carried.

2006-69 Substance Abuse Policy Addendum – Return to Duty (Second Chance Policy)

This resolution amends the Lumpkin County Random Drug Screen Policy adopted September 21, 2006 to provide for a "return to duty" under certain circumstances following a positive test for controlled or illegal substances.

*Motion:* John Raber made a motion to approve which Marvin Martin seconded. District Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin voted approval. Motion carried.

**CONTRACTS**

GovDeals – Providing a means for seller to list items for sale and for potential buyers to bid upon these items via an Internet-based auction system

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson moved to approve the contract. This was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

ActiveNet – Contract for recreation management software

There was discussion of some concerns regarding the contract. The County Attorney stated that he has reviewed it and commented upon what he thinks the County commitment will be. Rob Staples, Park & Recreation Director and the County Manager spoke on behalf of approving the contract. Mr. Staples pointed out that the data created could be downloaded to Excel.

*Motion:* John Raber made a motion to approve the contract and Marvin Martin seconded the motion. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin voted approved. Motion carried.



ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Employees of Lumpkin County – Adoption Agreement

*Motion:* Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve signing the adoption agreement. This was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

ACCG 401(a) Directed Employee Benefit Trust Agreement – Adoption Agreement

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion, which was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Discussion arose concerning the County liability insurance. The County Manager will send a letter to Paul Stringer explaining the reason that the County did not go forward this year to re-bid the package.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Lumpkin County Hospital Authority – October 2006 Cases for Review/Approval

Reports are on file with the Lumpkin County Hospital Authority.

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson moved to approve which Clarence Stowers seconded. All district commissioners voted to approve and the motion carried.

Request for Authorization to Invest Funds

The Finance Department recommends that \$4 million in 2002 SPLOST funds be invested at a higher rate than is currently earned. Commissioner Hutcheson requested that Finance Director Allison Martin explain about the 1999 SPLOST funds currently in a checking account for construction of Fire Station #4.

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to allow the Finance Department to move the \$4 million of 2002 SPLOST funds into a higher yielding account at Wachovia Bank. District Commissioner Raber seconded the motion and all commissioners voted approval. Motion carried.

Meeting time, date and location for 2007 Board of Commissioners Meetings and Work Sessions

The proposed schedule is for all Work Sessions to be held the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and all Regular Meetings to be held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Regular Meetings and Work Sessions will be held at City Hall.

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson moved to approve the time, date and location. This was seconded by Commissioner Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

DNR Letter – Stream Buffer Issue

Chairman Gooch provided background on the letter and the decision to hire an attorney to represent several counties regarding the stream buffer issue. He read aloud the proposed letter. Commissioner Hutcheson pointed out that there is no scientific data whatever that 150 foot buffers would mean clean water. Commissioner Hutcheson asked for the assistance of the media in alerting local landowners to send their own letters to the Georgia EPD expressing their concern about the buffers.

*Motion:* Deborah Hutcheson made a motion for the commissioners to sign and send the letter. District Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion, which was approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch, Commissioner Hutcheson and County Manager Kelley will attend a meeting with Dr. Couch on November 30, 2006. The meeting is at Dr. Couch's request but the topic of the meeting is unknown.



Voting machines in Annex Building

The roof over the portion of the Annex building housing the voting machines is in extremely bad shape and will require major repairs. Several voting machines have sustained water damage from the leaking roof.

*Motion: Marvin Martin made a motion to immediately move the voting machines to the library basement. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion, which was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**COMMENTS**

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager asked King Evans, Clough Harbour & Associates LLP (CHA) to give an update on the new Courthouse. An advertisement for architectural firms has appeared in The Nugget. District Commissioner Martin expressed concern that the County moves forward quickly to relocate baseball fields if the Riley Road location is selected as the site for the new building.

County Manager Kelley asked who would approach Amos Amerson regarding legislative needs concerning the library grant, CDBG, and canoe launch. The County Manager said there would be a meeting Friday, November 17 at 10 a.m. "with all concerned parties" regarding Fire Station #4 to get action on its construction.

Mark French reports that Dale Steenbergen, Chamber of Commerce, has a commitment from Senator Pearson for some funds for the canoe launch. He also announced that the Community Helping Place (CHP) has obtained a \$10,000 grant.

CHAIRMAN

The City and NGCSU want to hire lobbyists for Washington D.C. and want to know if the County is still interested in doing this. However, as Chairman Gooch pointed out, this item didn't make it through the budget process for next year. No commissioner was interested in participating at this time.

At his request the Chairman was provided with an update on the Canoe Launch, McDonald Road and compliance with the Sign Ordinance.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Raber congratulated Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle, all others who won and those who ran for elective office.

Commissioner Stowers pointed out some of the difficulties that other counties are experiencing in funding projects for which they collected impact fees.

Commissioner Hutcheson thanked a fire department volunteer for being at the meeting and for the fire department's service.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

PUBLIC

The public had no comments.

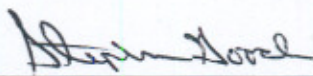
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**ADJOURN**

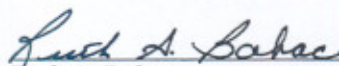
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

***Motion:** Clarence Stowers made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Marvin Martin. All district commissioners approved the motion, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.*

12-21-2006  
Date

  
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Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County